

## Churchill Optimistic In War Report, Warns Nazis on Poison Gas

Britain Will Retaliate In Kind If Germans Spread Poison, He Declares

(Text of Churchill's Address on Page A-13.)

LONDON, May 11.—Prime Minister Churchill's brightest war report so far was overshadowed today by the terrible prospect of gas warfare which he met yesterday with his warning to Germany that Britain could, and would, strike back formidably if the Nazis dared to start it.

The British attitude was one of abhorrence for the use of gas, but of confidence that Germany would invite disaster for her cities and people by starting it—and had better think twice if, as the Russians have reported, she is testing it on the Crimean front.

(Mr. Churchill's statement was made a little more than 24 hours after Tass, Soviet news agency, had distributed for the first time a dispatch reporting that the Germans had used poison gas on the Crimean front.)

British newspapers, recalling that Mr. Churchill's accuracy had foreseen "events at hand" in the past, took for granted that he spoke of an imminent possibility. They renewed warnings to civilians to carry gas masks and their military writers dwell on Britain's capacity to wage such warfare.

**Says Balances Have Turned.**  
The Daily Mail's air correspondent said "no power" was better equipped than Britain for it and that the Nazis' knowledge of that "so far has dissuaded Germany from courting even more disastrous reprisal than that which has answered her introduction of bombing towns and merchant ships."

Speaking two years after the Germans had stormed across France to Dunkerque, 20 miles from England's shore, when he could promise nothing but "blood, sweat and tears" amid the darkest news of all Europe's collapse, Mr. Churchill yesterday gave Britain and her Allies what he called a well-earned "message of good cheer." It was his second anniversary as Prime Minister. He declared the "awful balances" finally had turned and now "we have only to endure and persevere to conquer."

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**Sure of Ultimate Victory.**  
Many of his passages rang with assurance and determination, touching on events still to come and on accomplishments already on the credit side of the Allied ledger. Among the most significant were these:

**Ultimate victory:**  
"As in the last war we are moving through many reverses and defeats to a complete and final victory. We have only to endure and persevere to conquer."

**Now we are not alone.** We have mighty allies . . . there can be but one end."

**I wish to make it plain that we shall treat the unprovoked use of poison gas against our Russian ally exactly as if it were used against ourselves and if we are satisfied that this new outrage has been committed by Hitler we will use our great and growing air superiority in the west to carry gas warfare on the largest possible scale far and wide against military objectives in Germany."**

**Hitler's great mistake:**  
"In June last, without provocation and in breach of a pact of non-aggression, he invaded the lands of the Russian people . . . he had the strongest army in the world, trained in war, flushed with incredible, unbroken successes and equipped with limitless munitions."

**The Russians . . . sustained losses which no other country or government has ever borne in so short a time and lived . . .**

**Heavy Nazi Casualties in Russia.**  
"Then Hitler made his second grand blunder. He forgot about the winter. No one can say with certainty how many millions of Germans have already perished in Russia . . . Certainly more have perished than were killed in the whole four and one-fourth years of the last war." (1,773,700 Germans were killed and total German casualties, including wounded, captured and missing, were 7,142,558 in 1914-1918.)

**Air attacks:**  
"We are on his tracks . . . The British and presently the American bombing offensive against Germany will be one of the principal features in this year's World War."

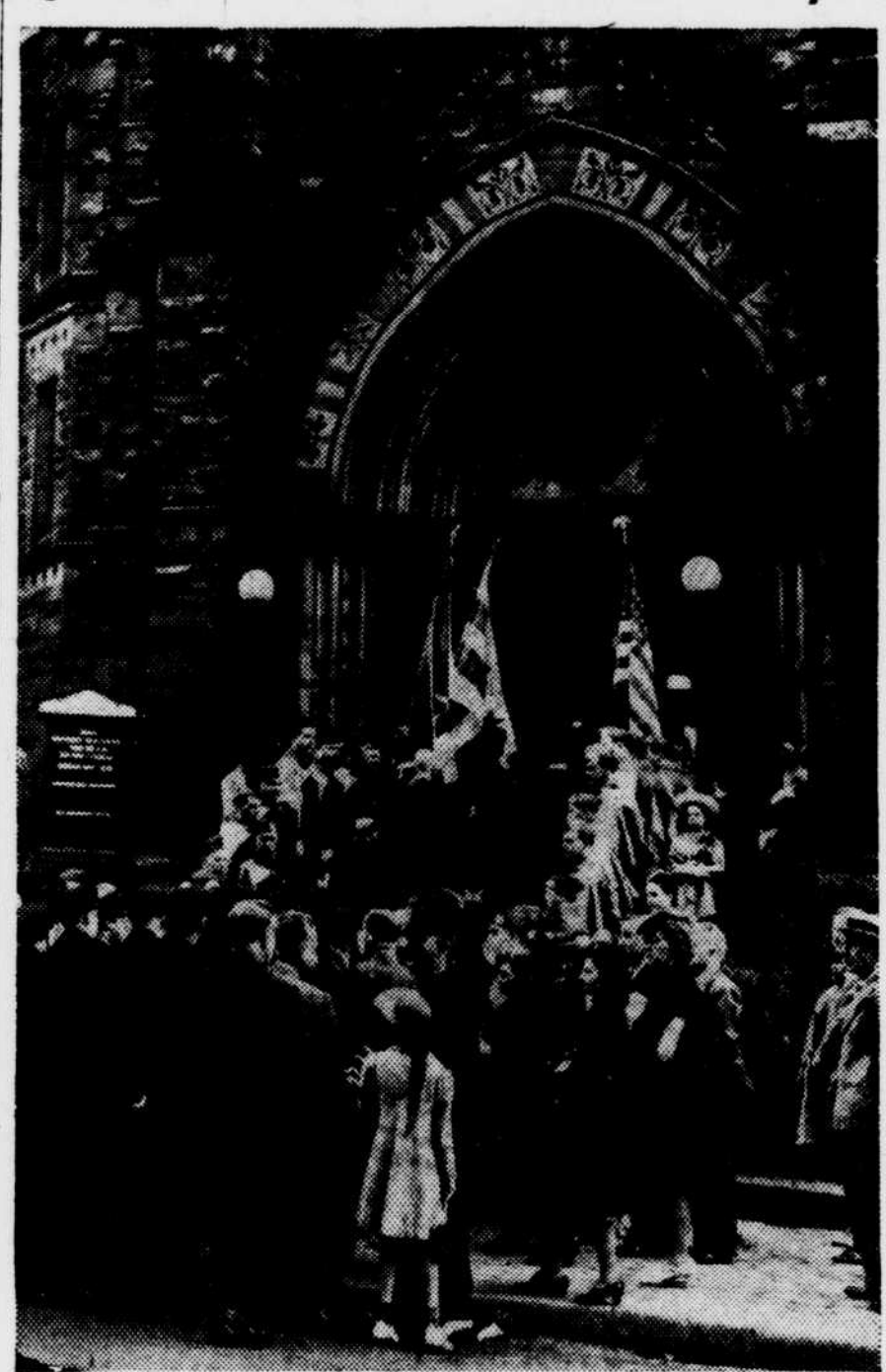
**Now, while the German armies will be bleeding and burning up their strength against a 2,000-mile Russian front and when the news of casualties by the hundreds of thousands is streaming back to the German Reich, now is the time to bring home to the German people the wickedness of their rulers by destroying under their very eyes the factories and seaports on which their war effort depends."**

**Militant Spirit Welcome.**  
Second front:  
"We are urged from many quarters to invade the continent of Europe and so form a second front. Naturally, I shall not disclose what our intentions are. But there is one thing I will say. I welcome the militant, aggressive spirit of the British nation, so strongly shared across the Atlantic . . .

**The Pacific:**  
"At the start, the pent-up, saved-up resources of Japan were bound to prevail . . . but the strength of the United States . . . is many times greater than the power of Japan, and we also will make our contribution to the final defeat and punishment of this ambitious and greedy nation."

**I am not prone to make predictions but I have no doubt tonight that British and American seapower will grip and hold the Japanese and that overwhelming airpower . . . will lay them low."**

## 500 Police and Firemen Attend Special Mass on Mother's Day



Police and firemen are shown marching into St. Patrick's Church yesterday for the annual mass of the Catholic Police and Firemen's Society of Washington. —Star Staff Photo.

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## Ford Urges Freezing Of Wages as C. I. O. Asks \$1-a-Day Raise

Union Charges Profiteers Are Taking Advantage Of War Emergency

By the Associated Press.  
DETROIT, May 11.—The Ford Motor Co. lined up today beside other advocates of wage-freezing for the war's duration in advance of an anticipated demand from the C. I. O.'s United Auto Workers for a \$1-a-day increase.

Personnel Chief Harry H. Bennett, outlining the company's views in a formal statement, observed that "due to the fact that the Government is freezing everything else, there doesn't seem to be any occasion for an increase in salary at this time."

"The Ford Motor Co.," Mr. Bennett said, "is going to ask that wages be frozen for the duration of the war."

Immediately on learning the Ford attitude the union's National Ford Council, meeting here to draw up new contract demands, went on record "opposing completely" any efforts to freeze wages and advocating adjudication of all wage disputes by the War Labor Board if management and labor negotiations fail.

**High Living Cost Cited.**  
The council, in a resolution which made no reference to the Ford Co., charged that "profiteers who have used the emergency to advance prices and reap handsome profits at the expense of the general public and the war effort are now crying for wage freezing in order to continue their profits."

The council claimed that the cost of living in the United States had increased 13 per cent within the last year, "far outstripping" wage increases and forcing a loss in "real wages" for workers.

Mr. Bennett's statement, in which the company also refused other expected union demands and threatened to seek elimination of the union shop, followed a union official's proposal that the dollar-a-day wage boost be sought.

Such a proposal was received by the U. A. W.-C. I. O. Ford Council from Richard T. Leonard, director of the union's Ford division. Within a few weeks the union and company will start negotiations over a new contract covering 115,000 workers.

Further discussing wages, Mr. Bennett said:

"In view of the fact that the Government is the sole customer of the Ford Motor Co. at the present time, any increase in wages naturally would mean an increase in the cost of whatever we are producing for the Government. That would merely increase the cost of our war effort to that extent."

Mr. Bennett said that if the union insisted on the wage increase and "other demands which would increase our costs," the company might be "obliged to refuse to collect dues for the union by eliminating the check-off from our contract."

The union's Ford Council, departing from its Ford problems, adopted a resolution pledging support to C. I. O. President Philip Murray after an attack on John L. Lewis by the U. A. W.-C. I. O. president, R. J. Thomas.

The Ford Council represents 55 Ford plants in the country. "Because Philip Murray wants to support the President of the United States in the present war emergency," Mr. Thomas said, "there is a threat of his losing his membership in Lewis' United Mine Workers."

**National Farmers Union Battles Lewis Invasion**  
By the Associated Press.  
DENVER, May 11.—Organization of farmers by the farmers themselves, and not "by labor or big business," was called for yesterday by leaders of the National Farmers Union.

President James G. Patton, in issuing a statement which he said was approved by the directors at a 2-day meeting, added that the Farmers Union favors organized bargaining rights for farm labor, but short of strikes.

Mr. Patton referred to "widely publicized intent of District 50 of the United Mine Workers to finance, direct and promote the organization of a union of dairy farmers."

"This attempted invasion of the farm field does not have the approval and sanction of the C. I. O.," he added.

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**HELP IN SIGHT**—Terrence J. Bradley and Joseph Deltiens, two survivors of a torpedoed Panamanian cargo ship, wave frantically as the Coast Guard plane from which this picture was made draws near them. Emaciated and delirious after 12 days adrift on the raft, the seamen were rescued by the plane, whose crew defied death in the rough, submarine-infested waters. Deltiens, 43, a Belgian, died in the hospital at Norfolk, Va., two days later. Bradley, an Australian, was believed to be the only survivor of the ship's 34-man crew, many of whom drowned when the attacking submarine cruised among them. —A. P. Photo from United States Navy.

## Dr. Ze Barney T. Phillips, Dean of Cathedral, Dies

Funeral Rites for Senate Chaplain to Be Held Wednesday

The Very Rev. Ze Barney Thorne Phillips, dean of Washington Cathedral and chaplain of the Senate, died last night at his home, 3508 Woodley road N.W., after a brief illness. He was 67 years old.

He had been ill recently but was able to conduct funeral services Saturday for Percy E. Budlong, official Senate reporter. He was compelled to go to bed later in the day, however, and his wife and two daughters, Mrs. Guido Perera of Washington and Mrs. Walter McClenahan of Philadelphia, were at his bedside when he died.

Dr. Phillips had been rector of the Church of the Epiphany since 1924 until he accepted the election as dean of the Cathedral, where his duties included administration of the buildings, supervision of worship, social service and education and counsel to the bishop and chapter. He was installed as dean last November.

**Funeral Wednesday.**  
Funeral services for Dean Phillips will be held in the Great Choir of Washington Cathedral, Mount St. Alban, at 2 p.m. Wednesday, with Bishop Freeman in charge of all arrangements.

The honorary pallbearers will include the lay members of the Cathedral Chapter, the vestry of Epiphany and a delegation of Senators to be appointed by Vice President Wallace.

Active pallbearers, yet to be named, are to be chosen from the younger clergy of the diocese.

Burial probably will be within the walls of the Cathedral.

**Appointed by Coolidge.**  
Dr. Phillips was selected for the post of Senate chaplain by a special committee of Republican Senators. He was appointed by President Coolidge in 1927, but was strictly non-partisan. A collection of his prayers were published last year as a Government document, with an introduction by former Vice President Garner and Senator Barkley of Kentucky, Democratic leader.

In his introduction, Senator Barkley wrote that "Dr. Phillips is a man of broad scholarship, of deep sympathies and charming fellowship. He is not only a great preacher and great chaplain, he is a great dynamic human force for righteousness, public and private."

The Right Rev. James E. Freeman, Bishop of Washington, made the nomination of Dr. Phillips to be dean of the Cathedral to succeed the Very Rev. Noble C. Powell, Coadjutor Bishop of Maryland, and was approved unanimously by the Cathedral Chapter last October. Installed November 26 in a ceremony in which he pledged himself to "spare no effort to make this cathedral church a house of prayer for all people," Dr. Phillips preached his last sermon at the Epiphany Church January 4.

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## Italian News Agency Reports Axis Raid on British Base in Libya

Extensive Destruction In Marmarica Attack Is Not Confirmed

By the Associated Press.  
ROME (From Italo News Broadcasts), May 11.—(The news agency Stefani said yesterday that air-borne German and Italian troops had landed at a British air base 60 miles inland from the Libyan coast in a surprise raid, effected extensive destruction and escaped safely.)

The raid—which was not mentioned in either Italian or German communiques—was said to have been made in British-held Marmarica, an extensive hot desert region stretching from Bardia to El Gazala.

The raiders were said to have landed in Italian transport planes, protected by German and Italian fighter planes, and set up machine guns and anti-aircraft guns swiftly while sappers were destroying 380 big fuel containers and other war material.

(There was no confirmation of the raid in British circles.)  
On the main battle front west of Tobruk, the Italian high command said there was "lively air activity and numerous positions in the rear and at Tobruk were attacked."

Heavy fighting in the desert has been held up, it was said, by serious misunderstandings, great heat and dryness. The weather is so hot that steel parts of tanks "become almost red hot" and cooling water in motors boils promptly.

**British Report Routing Axis Units in Desert**  
CAIRO, Egypt, May 11 (P).—Ten more Axis planes have been destroyed in the Mediterranean area, the British announced officially today, and on the desert front British fighters and numerous other aircraft were attacking Axis tanks and artillery were routed.

Alexandria, site of the British naval base, was raided early yesterday and 22 persons were killed and 40 wounded.

Several Axis planes were downed over Malta Saturday morning by British fighters and numerous other aircraft were attacking Axis tanks and artillery were routed.

**Salvage-for-Victory Drive Earns \$4,878 in April**  
Checks totaling \$4,878.97 will be mailed out this week to schools participating in The Evening Star-P. A. Salvage for Victory program covering the collections of newspaper, cardboard and magazines during April.

Powell Junior, earning \$289.93, will receive the largest check of any school since the campaign started. This is about \$104 more than Powell earned during March.

This week the schools start out with the 3,000,000-pound mark their goal. It can be reached with an average week's collection.

Collections tomorrow in the second district together with the five leaders in the district and their total poundage will be as follows:

Garrison	88,651
Grimke	63,590
Garrett-Patterson	37,261
Cleveland	35,542
Shaw	32,012

**Beaverbrook Home Burns**  
LONDON, May 11 (P).—The country home of Lord Beaverbrook, Chertsey Court, near Leatherhead, Surrey, was extensively damaged by fire yesterday. The publisher himself discovered the flames and superintended the removal of belongings.

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## Forced Savings Plans Offered in Congress By George, Gore

Withholding Tax of 5 To 10 Pct. on Pay Checks Advocated by Senator

By the Associated Press.  
Plans to compel every American wage earner to invest a part of his pay check in the war effort were put forth in both branches of Congress today.

Chairman George of the Senate Finance Committee advocated a withholding tax of 5 to 10 per cent of all wages, salaries and dividends, while Representative Gore, Democrat, of Tennessee presented a bill to deduct a percentage of every wage, beginning with 6 per cent in the \$20-\$30-a-week unmarried class and ranging upward.

The Gore bill, which provides that the money deducted be used to purchase War bonds for the employee, would set up the following scale in the lower brackets:

Wage	Single	Married
\$20 to \$30	6%	None
\$30 to \$40	8%	None
\$40 to \$50	10%	None
\$50 to \$60	12%	None
\$60 to \$70	14%	None
\$70 to \$80	16%	None
\$80 to \$90	18%	None
\$90 to \$100	20%	None

In the higher brackets, annual income would be limited to \$25,000, after payment of taxes, with the remainder going into the purchase of bonds. That is the limit advocated by President Roosevelt.

Mr. Gore said he also had drafted a bill for an over-all ceiling on prices, wages and salaries and farm products at parity.

Senator George's withholding tax plan was offered as an alternative to the Treasury's proposal to ob-

tain \$1,100,000,000 in new revenues by lowering income tax exemptions. Saying the Treasury plan would place a "terrible burden" on the low income groups, Senator George predicted that Congress would be forced to turn instead to some new form of taxation, such as a withholding or sales levy. Of the two, he said he preferred a withholding tax.

The Treasury last week proposed to the House Ways and Means Committee that exemptions for single persons be lowered from \$750 to \$600 and for married persons from \$1,500 to \$1,200. The \$400 credit for each dependent would be reduced to \$300.

Senator George said a 5 per cent withholding tax would produce about \$250,000,000. As he explained it, the tax would be deducted monthly by employers and forwarded to the Government.

The George plan was reported to have considerable backing among House members as well as Senators, since it would provide a direct and speedy check on inflationary spending.

Ways and Means Committee members scheduled consideration of the individual income brackets of the new tax bill this week.

The House, meanwhile, arranged to consider a Senate-approved bill which would double the \$21 monthly pay for the Army "buck" privates and provide increases in pay and allowances for ratings up to and including second lieutenants.

## Two C. U. Law Students To Get Awards Tonight

Associate Justice William O. Douglas of the Supreme Court will present awards to two Catholic University law students at 8 o'clock tonight at McMahon Hall on the university campus.

The awards are for the highest marks in the trust law course during the present year.

Senator Mead of New York will speak on legislative processes in wartime. The program is under the auspices of the Riccobono seminar of Roman law and the jurisprudence seminar.

**Weather Report**  
(Published by the United States Weather Bureau.)  
District of Columbia—Rather cool again tonight; gentle winds. Maryland—Rather cool again tonight. Virginia—Moderately cool tonight.

**Report for Last 24 Hours.**  
Temperature: 60 to 62. Precipitation: 0.00 inch. Wind: 4 to 8 m.p.h. Humidity: 65 to 70 per cent. Clouds: Partly cloudy.

**Record for Last 24 Hours.**  
(From noon yesterday to noon today.)  
Highest: 70. 1:30 p.m. 65 year ago today.  
Lowest: 55. 8 p.m. 44 year ago today.

**Record Temperatures This Year.**  
Highest: 84, on May 11.  
Lowest: 6, on January 11.

**Humidity for Last 24 Hours.**  
(From noon yesterday to noon today.)  
Highest: 71 per cent, at 2:30 a.m. Lowest: 47 per cent, at 8:30 a.m.

**Tide Tables.**  
(Published by United States Coast and Geodetic Survey.)  
High: 6:13 a.m. 7:01 a.m. 6:43 p.m. 7:30 p.m.  
Low: 1:04 p.m. 1:54 p.m.

**The Sun and Moon.**  
Sun today: 6:00 a.m. 8:10 a.m. 6:43 p.m. 7:30 p.m.  
Moon today: 4:19 a.m. 4:50 p.m.  
Automatic blue lights must be turned on one-half hour after sunset.

**Weather in Various Cities.**  
Albuquerque, N. Mex. 29 60  
Albany, N. Y. 29 60  
Boston, Mass. 29 60  
Buffalo, N. Y. 29 60  
Chicago, Ill. 29 60  
Cleveland, Ohio 29 60  
Denver, Colo. 29 60  
Detroit, Mich. 29 60  
Kansas City, Mo. 29 60  
Louisville, Ky. 29 60  
Miami, Fla. 29 60  
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